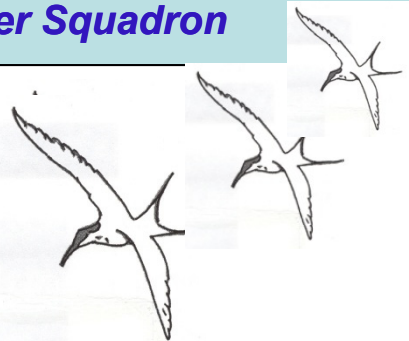




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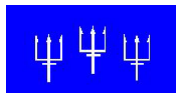
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- 14 NVSPS Picnic – FYC
- 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- 27 NVSPS Rendezvous

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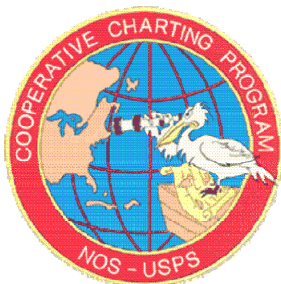
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Cdr. John G. Karjala, P.

Your new Bridge is off and running. April’s “All Hands” meeting exhibited a bridge with up-to-date reports on all Squadron activities and who demonstrated a willingness to go the extra mile. John Page Williams of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the meeting’s speaker, was informative with first hand knowledge of Chesapeake Bay’s health. He also addressed the historical basis for the “Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail.”

While we had a good turn-out at the 13 April 2011 general meeting, we would like more members to take advantage of Squadron activities. Bridge members make time to provide a wide variety of member benefits, education opportunities, and events. We strongly believe that members who attend Squadron courses, events and meetings learn more and have a good time while doing so.

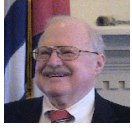
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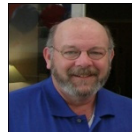
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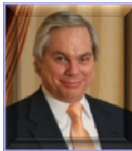
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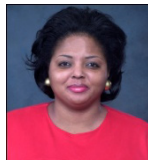
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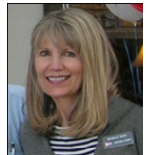
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Scheduled Meetings:

Unless otherwise noted, the General Membership Meetings will be held at the BoatUS* Headquarters facility at 1900. Any changes will be posted in this newsletter or on the Squadron web site.

BoatUS Headquarters and meeting location:

880 South Pickett Street, Alexandria VA. From the Capital Beltway, take the VA-613/ Van Dorn Street exit, exit number 173 (aka exit 3), towards Franconia. Turn left onto South Van Dorn Street / VA-613 North. Turn left onto South Pickett Street. Go less than .5 miles and turn in at the BoatUS sign and go to the lighted parking lot in the rear. Proceed to the entrance.



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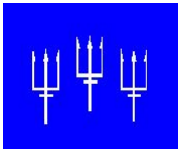
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Commander Sends Continued. . .

Cdr John G. Karjala, P

Roger Upton, back in 1912, laid out reasons for power squadrons. One of those reasons was the, "promotion of acquaintance and social intercourse by ... boat owners," Another stated reason was to improve the navigation skills of boaters.

We ask that you take advantage of educational and social opportunities offered this summer. Next NVSPS social is a picnic at Fairfax Yacht Club 14 May 11. Rain or shine the Club's facilities provide a comfortable venue for a warm social gathering. This is always a spirited affair with free Bar-B-Que, beer and wine. Re-commissioning stories will be traded and new ideas to solve those nagging boat questions can be fielded to fellow boat owners who can provide lively conversation. The result will be a good time with the best company.



An NVSPS cruise/rendezvous to Oxford is on tap in Oxford, Maryland, from 28-30 May 2011, and the D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous held from 29-31 July 2011 in Crisfield, Maryland. Meeting and greeting on the water provides more opportunities to get acquainted and to promote that special boaters' camaraderie. The NVSPS cruise/rendezvous kicks-off to a lively boating summer with the D/5

Summer Council and Rendezvous at Crisfield next on the D5 cruise/rendezvous agenda.

We ask that you give yourself an opportunity to enjoy. You can get more out of your membership, if you just give it a try. Get involved in educational, social, and on-the-water activities. You will get more out of your boat and out of your membership when you participate. Remember, it is good fun on the water!

CURMUDGEON'S OBSERVATION

People who complain about the way the ball bounces usually dropped it.





Executive Officer –
Lt/C Frank R. Shults, S

Spring is in the air. I can tell because I can't breathe and my sinuses are yelling at me. But Spring is such a great time of year because we get to play on our boats again. That is, of course, after all the sanding, painting, checking, fixing, replacing...you get it. NVSPS has started this boating season in grand fashion. Our exhibit at the D-5 conference won the "Best Hospitality Room" award for the first time ever (thanks to the committee and especially to Sue Karjala and Jean Durgin). Our training program is off and running with a tremendously successful program at Prince William Marina with much, much more to come. Our guest speaker series had a great beginning with a fascinating discussion by John Page Williams of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on the "state of the Bay" and the "Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail." Our annual picnic is scheduled for May 14 and we have our first rendezvous scheduled for Memorial Day weekend to Oxford with seven boats already signed up. We have six new members already this year, three of whom were sworn in at the April meeting. The buzz of activity is refreshing and exciting.

Every so often, I go to www.usps.org to see if there is anything new. It is quite surprising to see the number of membership benefits we have. In addition to the well known insurance discounts we enjoy, we also can get considerable discounts at such places as LifeLock, Sears, Dell On-Line, and Avis and Budget Car Rental. Check out this link http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm to see all the benefits we get as members.

I encourage you to attend our monthly membership meetings. In addition to keeping in touch with your boating friends, we always have an interesting speaker. Many thanks to Gale Alls, SN, for his years of dedicated service to us as the Meetings and Programs chair, for lining up the roster of our guest speakers. Gale welcomes your input for ideas about speakers and topics for future meetings. Please email him email at galeandev@aol.com with your thoughts for future speakers.

Have a wonderful and safe boating season.





Administrative Officer – P/C G. Jay Nelson AP

After a long cold and snowy winter, boating season is finally here. Our Squadron is kicking the season off with our Annual NVSPS Picnic on 14 May 2011 at the Fairfax Yacht Club, located at 10721 Colchester Road, Mason Neck, Virginia 22079. The Yacht Club is easily located with Google Maps and other mapping services. This event is free to NPSVS members and family. The day will be filled with great barbecue, wonderful side dishes, camaraderie with fellow members and family fun. Please contact me at gjaynelson@aol.com before 11 May as we need a headcount for the food and drinks, and we are asking that the members bring a simply side dish to share. Come join us.

We have several new members that I would like to introduce:

- Mr. Daniel J. Little of Gainesville, VA
- Mr. Dave and Ms. Maryjane Hinkins of Herndon, VA
- Mr. Thomas P. Donnelly of Centreville, VA
- Mr. David M. Flewitt of Alexandria, VA, and
- Mr. Frank B. Elmore of Alrlington, VA

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our newest members

The Boatman Youth Poster Contest is open again this year to all children ages 6 to 14. This event allows children in three age categories to develop boating safety posters to compete for cash prizes and potentially have their poster used in USPS national advertising campaigns. There is a first place award of \$150, second place award of \$100 and third place of \$75 is given in three age groups: 6-8 years, 9-11 years and 12-14 years. Entries are due by 15 July 2011, and there will be more information to come on this event. Contact me at gjaynelson@aol.com for more details

There are two rendezvous on the calendar; the NVSPS rendezvous in Oxford, Maryland held from 28-30 May 2011, and the D/5 Summer Council



and Rendezvous held from 29-31 July 2011 in Crisfield, Maryland at the Somers Cove Marina. More information on the NVSPS rendezvous is available from George Degnon at George@degnon.org More information on the D/5 rendezvous can be found at <http://www.uspsd5.org/>





Education Officer – L/C Sean Gallagher, AP

In order to make the SEO taskings and communications more efficient, Walt has setup education@nvsp.org for use. Thanks Walt !

My hawk-eye acct runs 90% full all the time and with the SEO assignment, the mailbox runs over and locks up on a regular basis. I intentionally leave mail on that acct so I can get to it from the internet vice waiting until I get home to look something up that I've dropped to my home machine.

I had addresses for some of our members and used them here but will need to put more addresses to update the address book associated with this acct. This acct is reachable from online, has its own calendar program and allows for storage of online files.

I'll need help getting this new address propagated to correct parties not only within the squadron but also at D5 and National for education related issues. If anyone has advice on how best to do this, I'd be glad to hear it.

Sea Scouts – Ship 1942

Our Sea Scouts in Ship 1942 will be defending their title as Eastern Seaboard Memorial weekend "Henry Nygard" Regatta Champions. They have won this title for the best ship on the east coast the past three years running so they are really practicing hard to do it again. Winning it a fourth time in a row has never been done in all of Sea Scouting.

Our Sea Scouts will be competing in 22 different nautical skills under the unforgiving stopwatch in the skills of: DR Navigation, heaving line toss, compass and relative bearing, splicing, knot tying, marine radio procedures, drill competition, uniform inspection, swimming, 8- person rowing in a pulling boat, First aid, seamanship just to name a few of our skills competitions.

If any one of you are returning and heading back up the Potomac River on Monday morning of Memorial Weekend slow down after passing Point Lookout and as you head up river on the northern shore. About four miles from Point Lookout is the Boys and Girls Club of Washington - 'Camp Brown' in Scotland, Maryland where we will be camped. We'd love to hear your Power Squadron boat horns giving us 4 long blasts as you go by in celebration!



NVSPS Calendar MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Marine Elec Sys Geo Mason Bus Ofc Instr: Dwight Bues	3 Navigation TBD Instr: Unis,Baker	4	5	6	7 Herrington Harbour North Boater's Yard Sale & VSC's (TENT)Experienced Boater's ABC - PWM 0900
8 Mother's Day	9 Marine Elec Sys Geo Mason Bus Ofc Instr: Dwight Bues	10 Navigation TBD Instr: Unis,Baker	11 "All Hands" Meeting BoatUS 7:00 PM Contact: Frank Shults frankshults@hotmail .com	12	13	14 Picnic & Vessel Safety Checks at Fairfax Yacht Club TBD
15	16 Marine Elec Sys Geo Mason Bus Ofc Instr: Dwight Bues	17 Navigation TBD Instr: Unis,Baker	18	19	20	21 (TENT) Experienced Boater's ABC - PWM 0900 AM
22	23 Marine Elec Sys Geo Mason Bus Ofc Instr: Dwight Bues	24 Navigation TBD Instr: Unis,Baker	25 Executive Committee Meeting GMU Enterprise Center 4031 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 2nd Fl. 7:00 PM Contact: F Shults (703) 893-2928	26 ABC Course Geo Mason Exec Ctr 1900 hrs	27 ABC Course Geo Mason Exec Ctr 1900 hrs	28 ABC Course Geo Mason Exec Ctr 0900 hrs
29	30 Memorial Day	31 Navigation TBD Instr: Unis,Baker				

NVSPS Calendar JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 USPS Instructor Development Geo Mason Exec Ctr 1900 hrs	3	4
5	6 Marine Elec Sys Geo Mason Bus Ofc Instr: Dwight Bues	7 Navigation TBD Instr: Unis, Baker	8	9 USPS Instructor Development Geo Mason Exec Ctr 1900 hrs	10	11 ABC Course Sea Cadets St Georges, Arlington - 0900
12 ABC Course Sea Cadets St Georges, Arlington - 0900	13	14 Flag Day Navigation Geo Mason Exec Ctr 1900 hrs Rich Unis Cruise Planning PWM 1900 hrs	15 "All Hands" Meeting BoatUS 7:00 PM Contact: Frank Shults frankshults@hotmail .com	16 USPS Instructor Development Geo Mason Exec Ctr 1900 hrs	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 June Solstice Navigation Geo Mason Exec Ctr 1900 hrs Rich Unis Cruise Planning PWM 1900 hrs	22	23 USPS Instructor Development Geo Mason Exec Ctr 1900 hrs	24	25 On Board Weather Forecasting Partner in Command PWM -0900
26 Seminar: Using GPS Seminar: Using VHF & VHF/DSC Radios PWM 0900	27	28 Navigation Geo Mason Exec Ctr 1900 hrs Rich Unis Cruise Planning PWM 1900 hrs	29 Executive Committee Meeting GMU Enterprise Ctr 2nd Fl. 7:00 PM Contact: Frank Shults frankshults@hotmail.com	30		



Dock Talk



Memorial Day Cruise

May 27-30, 2011

Start your boating season right by joining NVSPS friends on the Memorial Day Cruise to Oxford, MD on the eastern shore! Boaters and land cruisers will gather at Mears Yacht Haven beginning Friday, May 27 and stay through the weekend, most returning to home port on Monday, May 30.

P/C George Degnon has already secured slips for several boaters and he would be happy to do so for you. Let him know your arrival/departure dates, number of crew, boat name, length, beam, depth and electrical needs as soon as possible (703-448-8766 or George@degnon.org). Boaters may also anchor out in the river. Members coming by car will easily find overnight accommodations in Oxford or nearby.

Oxford is a great walking town with places to relax and things to see and do. One favorite is to enjoy an ice cream cone while sitting on a park bench and watching the boats sail by. Picnic tables on the lawn at Mears Yacht Haven are perfect for the planned cocktail parties and cookout. Be sure to pack some appetizers to share and your own dinner to grill. One evening will feature a short walk to a nearby restaurant for dinner with all the crew. In between there will be plenty of time to talk boats and boating. It doesn't get any better than that!

Detailed plans for the weekend will be e-mailed to members who have signed up, so be sure to let George know that you are coming. See you in Oxford!



Commander John Karjala presents the "Charles S. Kent Perpetual Memorial Award" to John von Senden, AP. The award is presented to the sailboat skipper whose seamanship, dedication, service, participation, and citizenship best exemplify the principles of the USPS. Congratulations John, and thank you for your service to the Squadron.



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